

ties assigned to it under the Coffee Act / Rules under the overall control and supervision of Government.

Spying and Espionage Activities of Army Personnel

4890. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) The number of serving / retired, service / civilian personnel charged with spying espionage activities during last one year alongwith separate figures for service and civilian personnel and the status thereof ;

(b) The action taken against each one of them; and

(c) The steps taken to check or plug such activities in future ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) During the last one year 6 serving Armed Forces personnel, 1 retired Service Officer and 4 civilians were alleged to be involved in spying / espionage activities

(b) Disciplinary action has been initiated against 5 serving Armed Forces personnel. One Defence Service personnel and one retired Service Officer have been remanded to police custody. The remaining four are under interrogation.

(c) Security measures to prevent leakage of information to unauthorised persons are reviewed periodically. Appropriate counter measures are taken in the light of lapses which come to notice.

Ban on Import of Luxury goods and Export of essential Commodities

4891 SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the

Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Government have received any representation regarding the ban on the import of luxury goods and on export of essential commodities ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ; and

(c) The reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (c). The new Export and Import policy effective from 1st April, 1992 is presently under formulation. Suggestions/representations received from various quarters in this regard will be kept in view while finalising the new policy.

[Translation]

Agreement with Mauritius on shipping transportation

4892. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY: SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHALIA: DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR: SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA: SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have signed any agreement with Mauritius during the last three months in the field of shipping transport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?